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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 VESTER L. PATTERSON,  
12 Petitioner,  
13 v.  
14 JOEL MARTINEZ AND SCOTT  
15 KERNAN,  
16 Respondents.  
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No. 2:17-cv-0444 KJN P

ORDER

18 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas  
19 corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

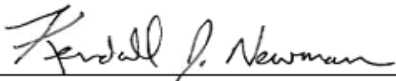
20 Petitioner is incarcerated in Kern County, which is in the Fresno Division of this district.  
21 Petitioner's application attacks a conviction issued by the Los Angeles County Superior Court,  
22 which is located within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District  
23 of California.

24 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1), courts in both the district of conviction and the  
25 district of confinement have concurrent jurisdiction over applications for habeas corpus filed by  
26 state prisoners. While both this court and the United States District Court for the Central District  
27 of California have jurisdiction, see Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484 (1973),  
28 any and all witnesses and evidence necessary for the resolution of petitioner's application are

1 more readily available in Los Angeles County Id. at 499 n.15; 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d).

2 Accordingly, in the furtherance of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is  
3 transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

4 Dated: March 23, 2017

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6 KENDALL J. NEWMAN  
7 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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